

Appl. No. 10/729,359
Amendment dated May 11, 2005
Response to Office Action of January 12, 2005
Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 12-22 with the following:

The blower assembly will be supplied to a patient fully assembled and preset to an average outlet pressure. In use, a patient dons a face mask, most preferably supported by the mask support described in co-pending United States Provisional Patent Application 60/404,685, now US Patent Number 6,854,465, issued February 15, 2005, attaches the hose from the blower assembly to the mask and goes to sleep. The preset outlet pressure is initially at a low value, from about four to six cm water and increases over time to about 10 to 20 cm water. The time of increase may be from ten minutes to half an hour or so, depending on the patient's preference and the time required to fall asleep. The increase may be set to be stepwise, continually variable or hyperbolically variable. The actual values will vary and be adjusted to be the minimum necessary to keep the airways patent for each CPAP user. In one embodiment of the invention, once the maximum pressure is reached, the pressure is held constant by varying the fan speed